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(NE)SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Amendment in response to the final Office Action mailed February 17, 1999 in connection with the captioned application. Also enclosed are: (i) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), containing a provision for payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response by one month, to and including June 17, 1999; and (ii) a fee calculation sheet.

AmendmentIn the Claims

Please add the following new claims:

-38. (New) The dye compound of Claim 1 in which Y_1 is hydroxyl and Y_2 is oxygen.

39. (New) The dye compound of Claim 38 in which R_6 is a substituted phenyl of the formula:

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